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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

<b>ADDRESS TO:</b>  <b>Box RCE Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231</b>	Attorney Docket No.: 98,666
	Application No.: 09/217,347
	USPTO Confirmation No.: 8453
	Filing Date: 12/21/1998
	First Named Inventor: John G. Fijolek
	Group Art Unit: 2611
Examiner: Andrew Y. Koenig	

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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application to and including December 16, 2002.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$00.00.

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 13-2490. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name	Julian F. Santos
Reg. No.	47,917
Signature	
Date	December 16, 2002

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